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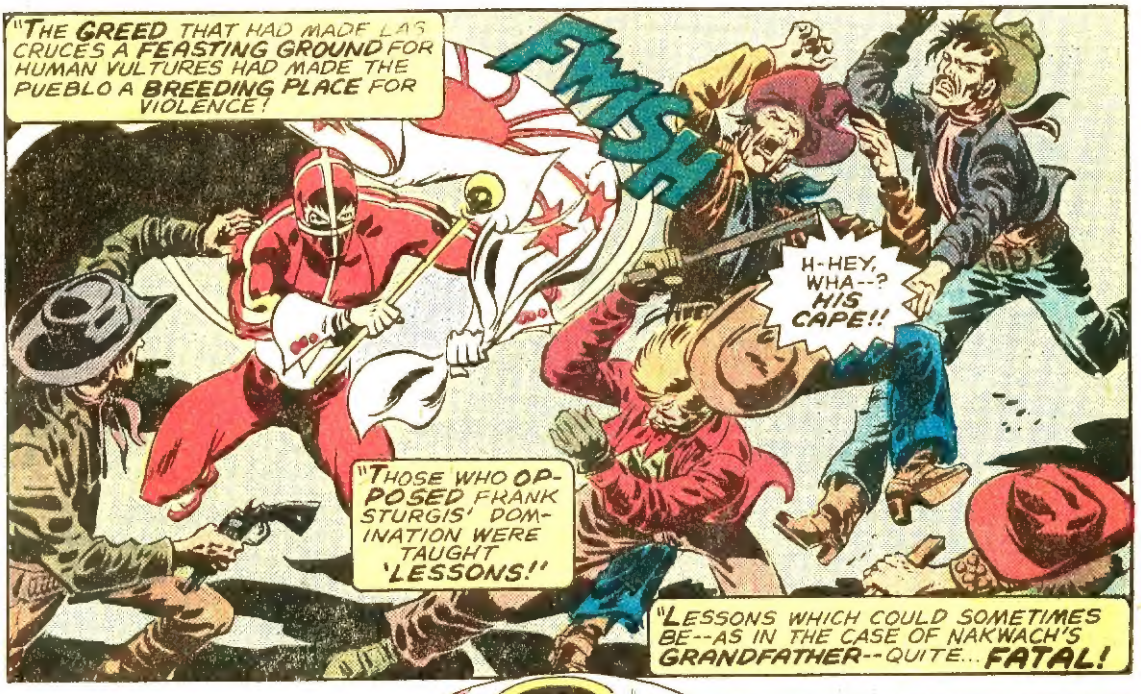
LET'S JUST SAY WE HAD AN AGGRESSIVE DEBATE OVER HIS POLICY OF RUM-RUNNING TO YOUR TRIBE!*
*AS RECOUNTED LAST ISSUE -- AL.
"AT THAT MOMENT, EMERGING FROM THE SHADOWS..."
LOOK! IT'S THE KID WHO WARNED THE FLY WE WERE ABOUT T' JUMP HIM!
NAKWACH -- GET BACK!!
NO! THESE MEN ARE OF THE SAME KIND THAT KILLED MY GRANDFATHER FOR FACING-UP TO STURGIS!* I WILL NOT LET THEM HURT YOU--!
U-UNGGH!
SWAK
AIN'T MUCH YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT, YA RED PUP!
*ALSO LAST ISH -- AL AGAIN.
"THE FLY SAW THE BOY FALL, SAW BLOOD TRICKLE FROM HIS ALREADY SWELLING LIP!
"HE'D BEEN TRICKED INTO AGREEING TO PERFORM AT LAS CRUCES BY FRANK STURGIS!
"WERE HE TO BACK OUT, STURGIS WOULD RIP OFF A $10,000 PROMOTIONAL FEE FROM THE TRIBE'S TREASURY!
"BUT, WERE HE TO GO ON WITH HIS STUNT -- HE WOULD BE DESECRATING THE TRIBE'S MOST SACRED CEREMONY! STURGIS HELD ALL THE CARDS--
"-- BUT THE FLY DIDN'T HAVE TO LIKE IT!"
ATTAWAY, FLY -- LET'S GET 'EM!!
FWAM
GUURKK!!
"VIOLENCE -- THE ONE THING THE HUMAN FLY ABHORS ABOVE ALL ELSE.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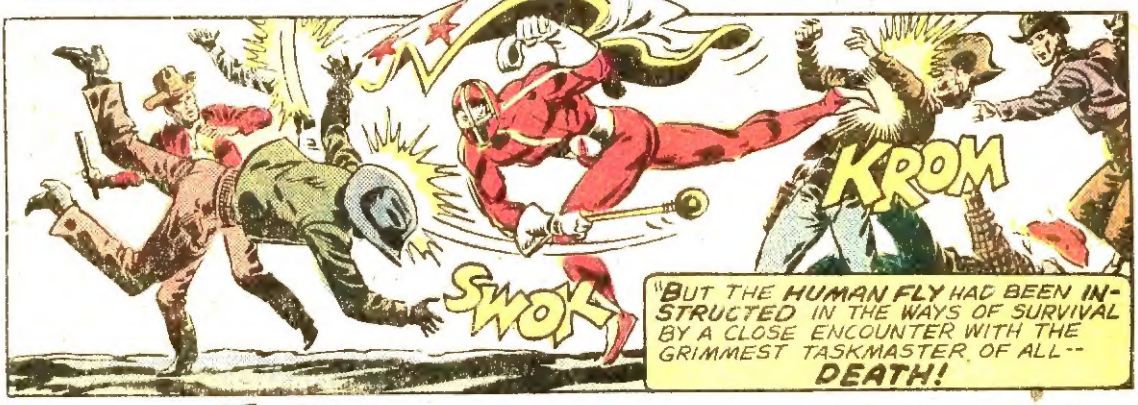
FWISH
H-HEY, WHA--? HIS CAPE!!
"THOSE WHO OPPOSED FRANK STURGIS' DOMINATION WERE TAUGHT 'LESSONS!'
"LESSONS WHICH COULD SOMETIMES BE--AS IN THE CASE OF NAKWACH'S GRANDFATHER--QUITE... FATAL!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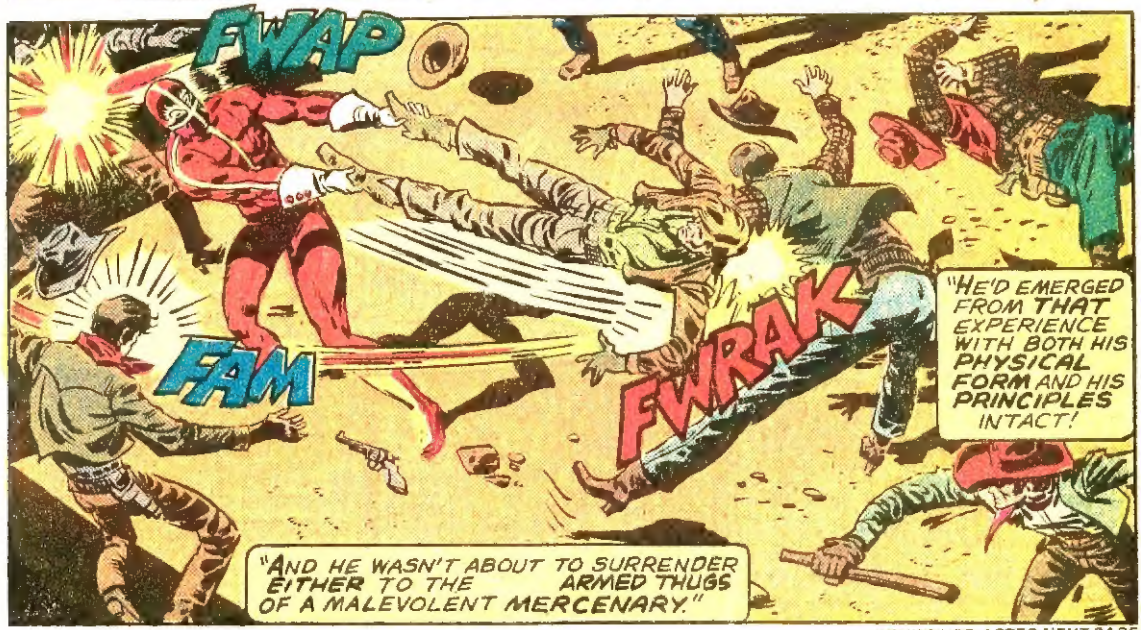
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"HE'D EMERGED FROM THAT EXPERIENCE WITH BOTH HIS PHYSICAL FORM AND HIS PRINCIPLES INTACT!
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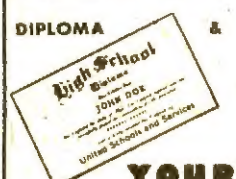

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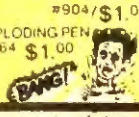

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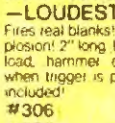

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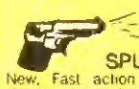

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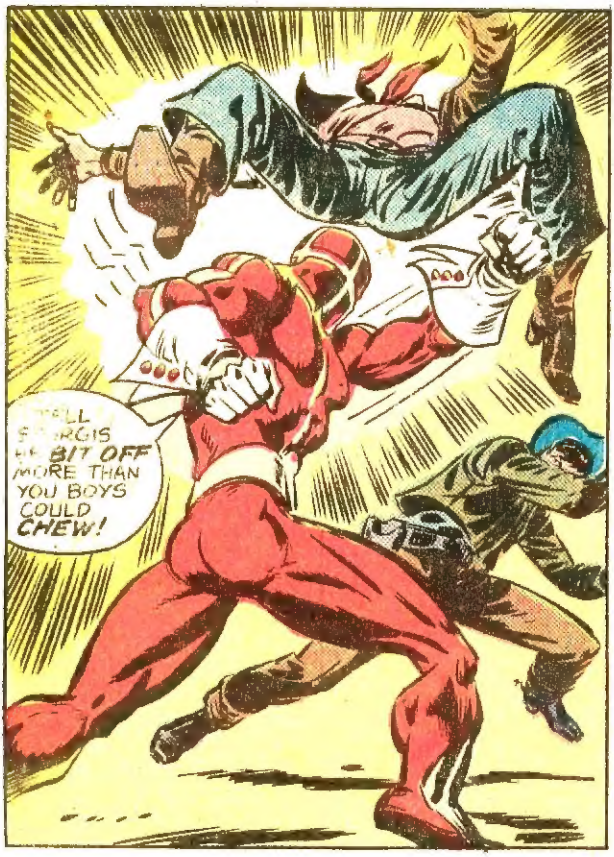
...WELL, FLARGIS HE BIT OFF MORE THAN YOU BOYS COULD CHEW!

TELL 'IM YOURSELF! I DON'T PLAN ON SEEIN' HIM FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS!
ME, NEITHER!

WELL--THAT'S THAT!
CHA' TIMA? NAK-WACH?
WE'RE FINE, FLY--JUST SHOOK UP!

YOU WERE SWELL, FLY--YOU FOUGHT LIKE A TORNADO!
THEY--OR OTHERS LIKE THEM--WILL BE BACK! YOU SAID THERE WAS A PLACE IN THE PUEBLO WE COULD STAY, NAKWACH?

OUR UNCLE'S HOUSE IS SAFE--THEY DON'T DARE GO THERE.
THOUGH THE DRUNKARDS ON OUR TRIBAL COUNCIL HAVE LOST THE TRIBE'S RESPECT--THERE ARE STILL ELDERS WHO ARE OBEYED...AND FEARED!

"AHOTE--CHA'TIMA'S AND NAK-WACH'S UNCLE--WAS INCREDIBLY ANCIENT! IT WAS SAID HE SIGNED THE FIRST TREATY WHICH FORMED LAS CRUCES PUEBLO!"
UNCLE--THESE ARE FRIENDS OF OUR TRIBE!
I WELCOME YOU--IN THE NAME OF TAIOWA, THE CREATOR!
TO KNOW OUR TRIBE, YOU MUST KNOW OUR LEGENDS! FIRST, THERE WAS TOKPELA--ENDLESS SPACE--IN THE MIND OF THE CREATOR!
"THEN DID TAIOWA GIVE LIFE TO SOTUKNANG, CREATOR OF ALL CEREMONIES, GOD OF THE UNIVERSE--THAT HE MIGHT BRING ORDER!
"IN HIS TURN DID SOTUKNANG CREATE THE EARTH AND, SEEING IT LIFELESS, DID BRING FORTH KOKYANGWUTI--THE SPIDER WOMAN--TO POPULATE THE BARREN WORLD!
"THE ANCIENT SPIDER WOMAN TOOK SOME EARTH IN HER MOUTH, MIXED IT WITH SALIVA AND CREATED THE TWINS!"
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"YELLOW, BLACK, RED AND WHITE--MALE AND FEMALE--THEY EMERGED IN GOD'S IMAGE!

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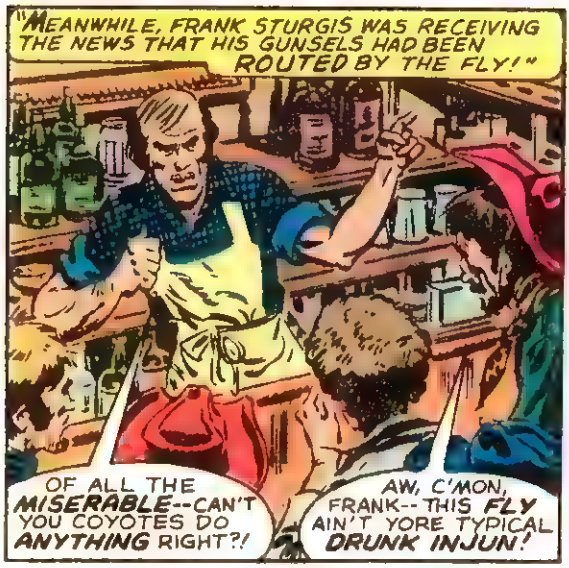
HERE TODAY, AT LAS CRUCES, THE SACRED WAYS OF THE HOPI-- THE PEOPLE-- ARE BEING DESECRATED BY THE WHITE MAN'S GREED! BUT, WERE WE STILL STRONG IN THE WAYS OF THE UNIVERSE, WE WOULD NOT HAVE ALLOWED THIS THING TO COME TO PASS!

AND WERE MY RACE STRONG IN ITS BELIEF IN UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD, WE MIGHT HAVE PREVENTED FRANK STURGIS FROM BECOMING AS POWERFUL AS HE HAS!

TRUE--BUT STURGIS REPRESENTS GREED--AVARICE! THERE ARE THOSE OF ALL RACES WHO RESPOND TO THE CHORD HE HAS STRUCK!
JUST AS THERE ARE THOSE OF BOTH RACES WHO WILL RALLY TO STOP HIM!
YES? ARE YOU SUCH A ONE, FLY?
I... BELIEVE SO, OLD ONE!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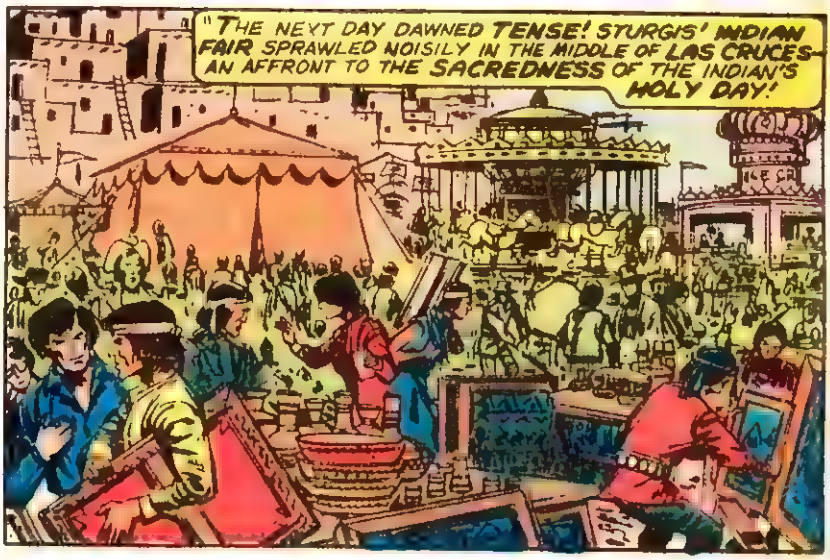
OF ALL THE MISERABLE--CAN'T YOU COYOTES DO ANYTHING RIGHT?!
AW, C'MON, FRANK--THIS FLY AIN'T YORE TYPICAL DRUNK INJUN!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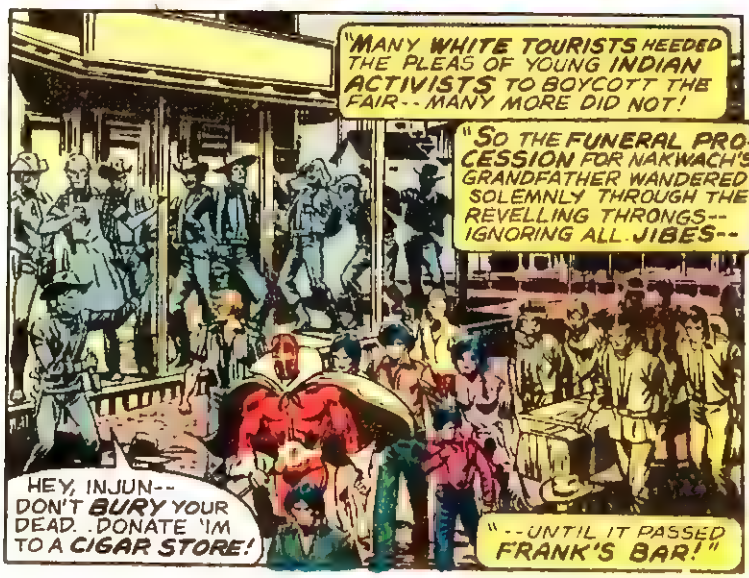
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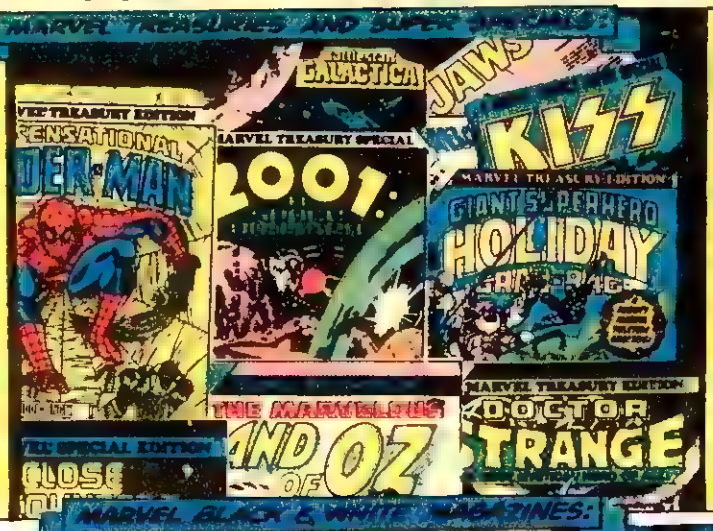

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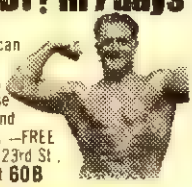

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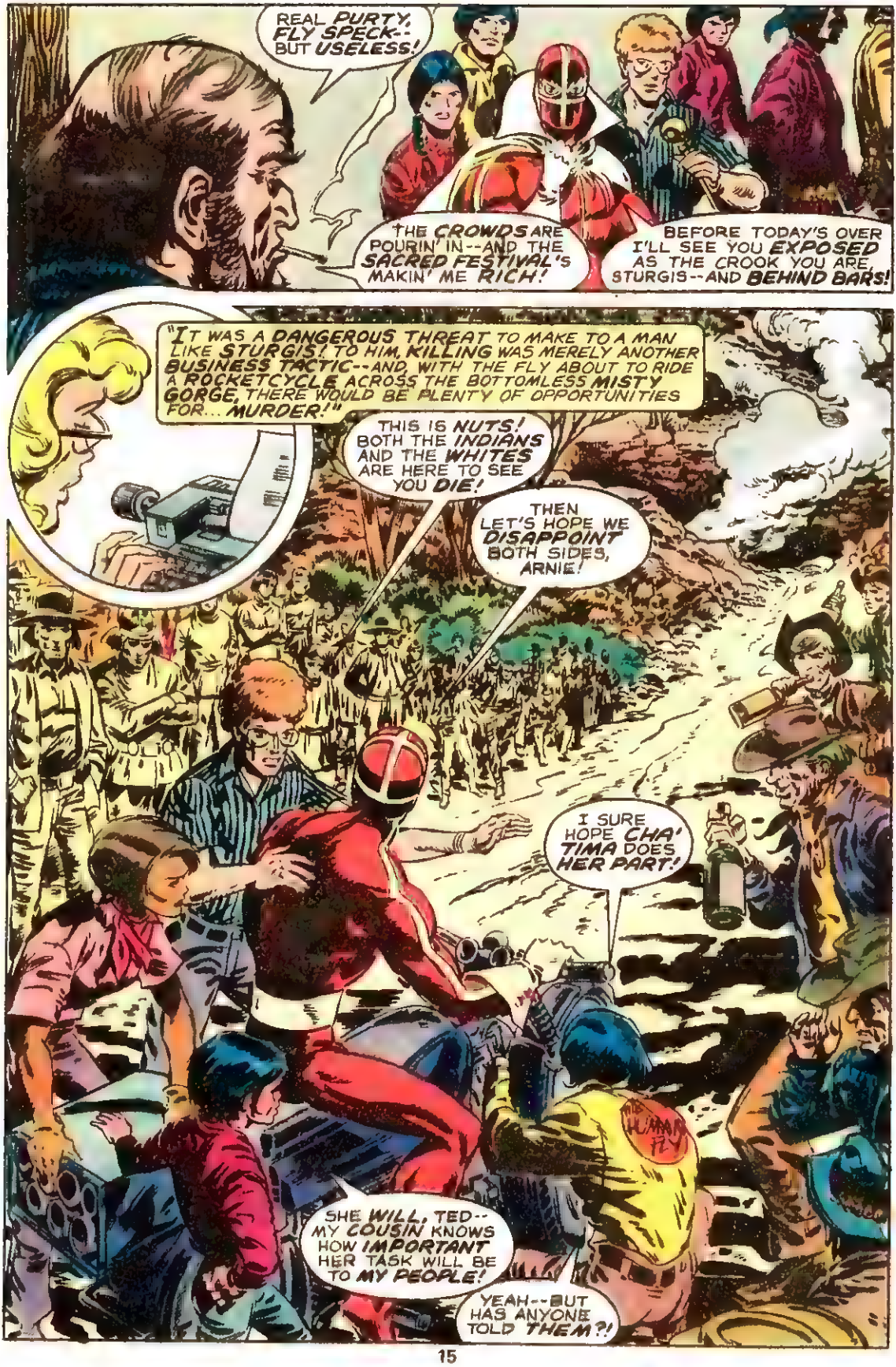
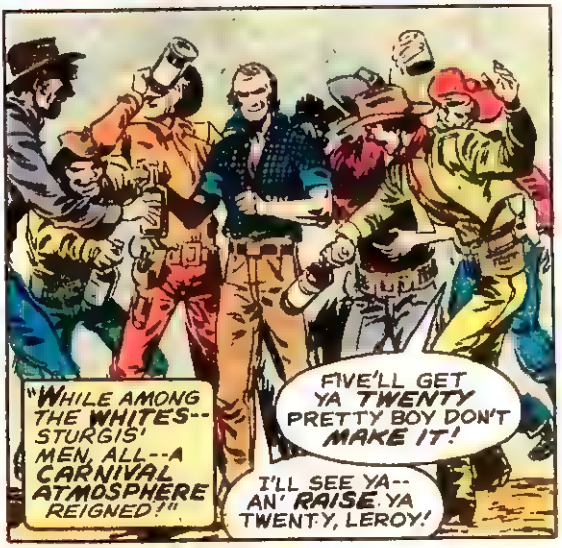
WHY YOU--!
AWRIGHT, STURGIS SAYS THE GLOVES ARE OFF! YOU HIT ME FIRST--
--SO AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, THAT MAKES THIS--
--SELF DEFENSE!!
KPOW
INTERESTING LOGIC, COWBOY--
--THAT JUST MIGHT STAND UP IN A COURT OF LAW... ESPECIALLY SINCE STURGIS HAS PROBABLY BOUGHT OFF ALL THE JUDGES AROUND HERE!
U-URGGHH!!
FORTUN-ATELY, I THINK ONCE YOU'VE COOLED OFF YOU WON'T WANT TO PRESS CHARGES!
SPLOOSH

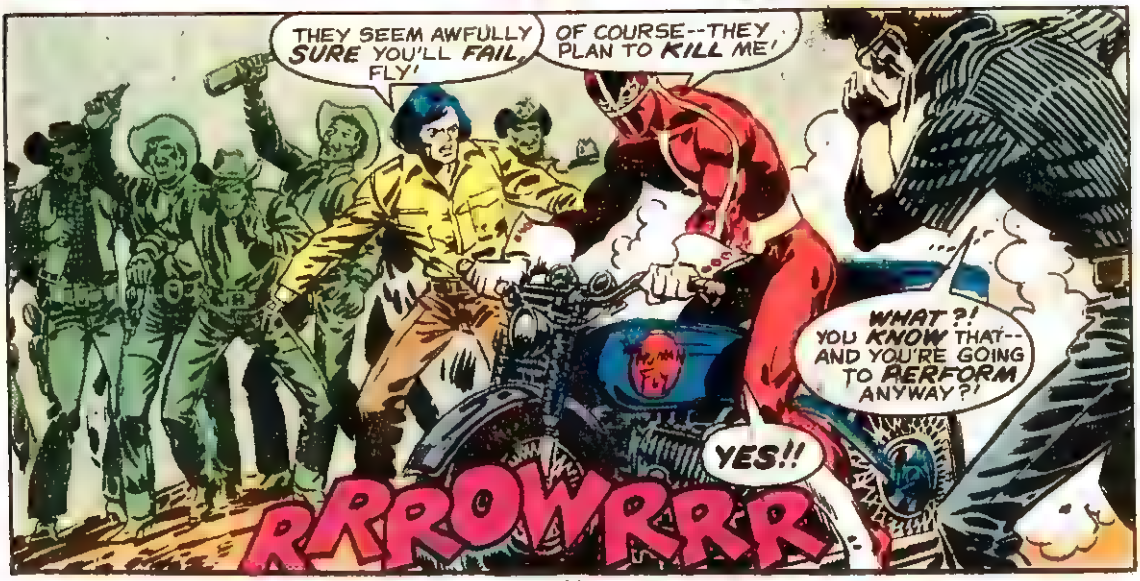

REAL PURTY, FLY SPECK--BUT USELESS!
THE CROWDS ARE POURIN' IN--AND THE SACRED FESTIVAL'S MAKIN' ME RICH!
BEFORE TODAY'S OVER I'LL SEE YOU EXPOSED AS THE CROOK YOU ARE, STURGIS--AND BEHIND BARS!
"IT WAS A DANGEROUS THREAT TO MAKE TO A MAN LIKE STURGIS! TO HIM, KILLING WAS MERELY ANOTHER BUSINESS TACTIC--AND, WITH THE FLY ABOUT TO RIDE A ROCKETCYCLE ACROSS THE BOTTOMLESS MISTY GORGE, THERE WOULD BE PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR... MURDER!"
THIS IS NUTS! BOTH THE INDIANS AND THE WHITES ARE HERE TO SEE YOU DIE!
THEN LET'S HOPE WE DISAPPOINT BOTH SIDES, ARNIE!
I SURE HOPE CHA' TIMA DOES HER PART!
SHE WILL, TED--MY COUSIN KNOWS HOW IMPORTANT HER TASK WILL BE TO MY PEOPLE!
YEAH--BUT HAS ANYONE TOLD THEM?!

WE'LL DO WHAT WE MUST, TED--THAT'S ALL ANY MAN CAN DO!
SURE--BUT YOU'VE GOTTA ADMIT YOU'RE MORE ZEALOUS ABOUT IT THAN MOST!
GRANTED, TEAMMATE-I AM!
I HAVE TO BE!

I DON'T SEE CHA'TIMA IN THE CROWD--SHE MUST BE GETTING READY!
MAYBE YOU'D BETTER SEE IF SHE NEEDS HELP, NAKWACH!
OKAY, MS. KENDALL!

"AS NAKWACH WENT TO ASSIST CHA'TIMA IN HER MYSTERIOUS UNDERTAKING--THE SILENT CONFLICT BECAME MORE SHARPLY DRAWN!
"ANGRY EYES PEERED FROM RED FACES--VOICES WHISPERED: SACRILEGE!


"WHILE AMONG THE WHITES--STURGIS' MEN, ALL--A CARNIVAL ATMOSPHERE REIGNED!"
FIVE'LL GET YA TWENTY PRETTY BOY DON'T MAKE IT!
I'LL SEE YA--AN' RAISE YA TWENTY, LEROY!


THEY SEEM AWFULLY SURE YOU'LL FAIL, FLY!
OF COURSE--THEY PLAN TO KILL ME!
WHAT?! YOU KNOW THAT--AND YOU'RE GOING TO PERFORM ANYWAY?!
YES!!
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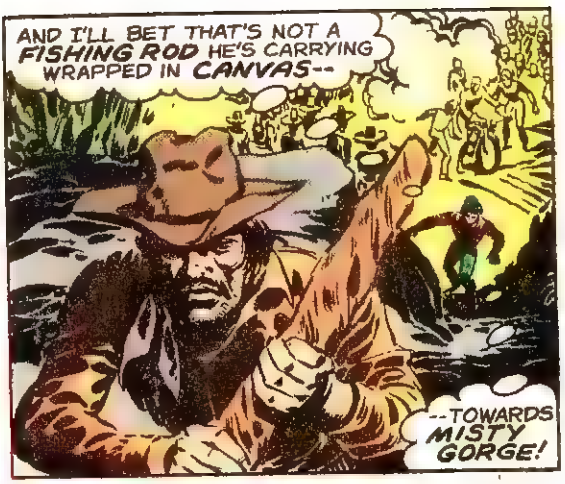
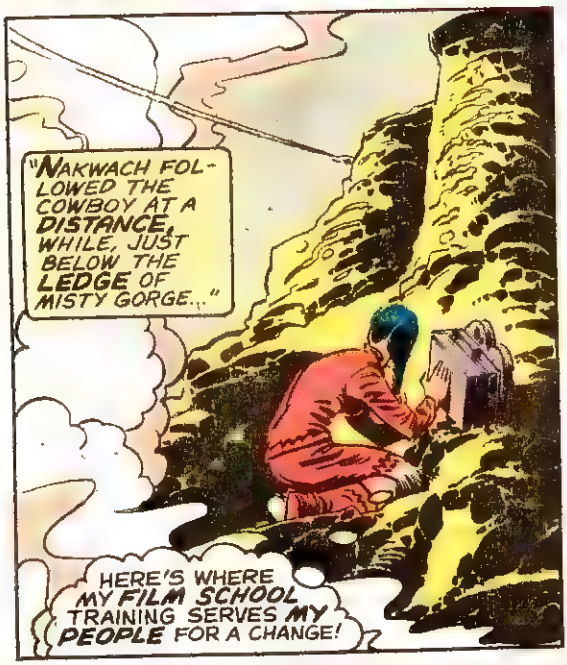
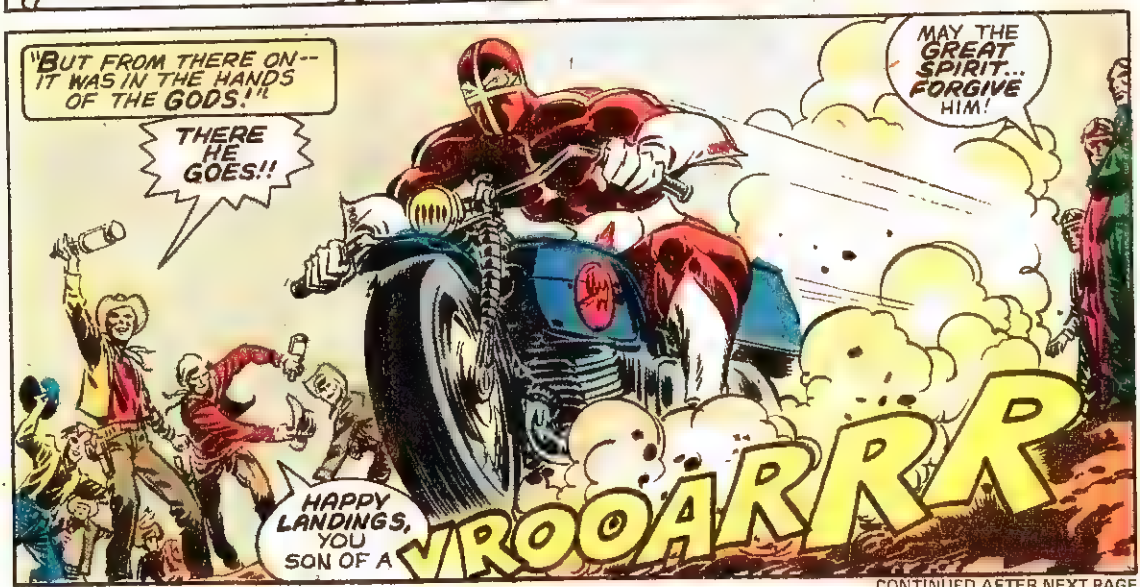



"NAKWACH FOLLOWED THE COWBOY AT A DISTANCE, WHILE, JUST BELOW THE LEDGE OF MISTY GORGE..."
HERE'S WHERE MY FILM SCHOOL TRAINING SERVES MY PEOPLE FOR A CHANGE!

THE MISTS WILL MAKE A PERFECT PROJECTION SCREEN--
--AND SOME STOCK FOOTAGE I'D ALREADY SHOT FOR A FILM ON HOPI MYTHS MAY WAKE THE TRIBE UP... IF THE FLY DOES HIS PART!


"BUT FROM THERE ON-- IT WAS IN THE HANDS OF THE GODS!"
THERE HE GOES!!
MAY THE GREAT SPIRIT... FORGIVE HIM!
HAPPY LANDINGS, YOU SON OF A
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Dear Marvel,

Tsk, tsk, tsk! I really expected you to be more careful! The HUMAN FLY is an excellent book, but you goofed in HF #13. On page 30 panel 3, you clearly show the Fly firing his "piton guns" which were strapped to his shoulders. I assume he put them on when the downhill trip got underway. That means there was no way he could have taken them *off*, right? Wrong! On page 22 panel 5, we see the Fly avoiding the news sled, but the piton guns are nowhere to be seen, even though the Fly's right shoulder is clearly visible. I smell a No-Prize!

Harry Kastrinakis
24 Carew Terrace
Springfield, MA 01104

One No-Prize, coming up, Harry!

Dear Marvel and the Fly,

It's me again, fellow teenage hero and fan of the Human Fly. . . RESCUE BOY! I'm writing to you guys for one reason: The letter the Human Fly himself wrote that appeared in *Fly Papers* in issue #13. It—it touched that part of me that nobody knows. I'm highly impressed with your confidence and stamina, Fly. I think Marvel is handling the HUMAN FLY book with care, but could advance the mag in certain points. I also think that the comic conception of the Fly should remain as a stuntman, not a crime fighter. Well, that about wraps it up for now, people and Fly. I'll just close by saying I wish you Marvel people success in your book, and my greatest regards and luck to the Fly.

RESCUE BOY

Now we ask you: What other comic mag gives you hero-to-hero correspondence like the HUMAN FLY? (Now if only Rescue Boy would send a snapshot, we'd include him in the Fly's adventures. . . !)

Dear Bill and Frank;

The HUMAN FLY is a very, very tricky book to write because, rooted in reality as it is, it's important to get across the impression of the real world every issue (despite the difficulty of doing that consistently, you've maintained a high level of quality). That means showing good *and* bad, faith *and* lack of faith. Perhaps the best effort to date in this series was HUMAN FLY #13. The contrast between the Fly and Braden, the hard-nosed executive, was extremely effective, thanks in no small part to the two captions that summarized the contradictions. "Two men. . .one who believed in everything—and one who believed in nothing!"

Now, it's suggestion time. Have the Fly run into more Braden types, perhaps ruthless businessmen whose factories are polluting the atmosphere or whose activities are destroying forests or endangering species of wildlife. In Braden's case, it was natural that he change his mind—the Fly saved his life—but don't have everyone convinced of the Fly's integrity at the end of the story. It's more realistic, and most importantly, it'll make a story that much more powerful if the Fly fails to turn people around. See my point?

By the way, how are sales on the HUMAN FLY? Hopefully, good— the book's still monthly. I'm interested in seeing how well an action adventure comic with only occasional violence sells. Till the Fly gets swatted, Make Mine Marvel!

Matt Kaufman
303 W. Pennsylvania
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Like you said, Matthew, the fact that the Fly's well on his way into his second year as a comic book character must say something about his success in the medium. We're hoping the next year will be as encouraging as the first—especially in character developments and plot twists, while we attempt to add an element of drama that Bill has said he felt the book was lacking. The current storyline was conceived to correct precisely that lack of drama.

Dear Bill, Frank, Bob and Bill (whew),

"Slope of Death!" Sheesh! That has got to be the corniest title yet! But anyway, the ish itself was mmm-mmm-mmm *good!* (Whoops! That's one "mmm" too many!) Nevertheless, HUMAN FLY #13 was a success in my book. I enjoyed reading the letter from the actual Fly as much as I enjoyed reading the comic adventure. A request: Have the Fly battle a villain or two in the future. One great conflict would be between the Human Fly and. . .the Human Fly, the villain introduced in last year's SPIDER-MAN ANNUAL! Besides that, the mag is great!

The hapless hero
248 Vine Street
St. Catharines, Ontario Canada

Well, hapless—we don't see such a face-off in the near future, but Marv Wolfman has asked us to tell you that you can see Spidey in a return engagement with the villainous Fly in an upcoming issue of THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN! Besides, our Fly has enough troubles out West just now as it is!

Dear Bill,

Your HUMAN FLY scripts are fantastic! This is the first time I've ever written to a comic mag, but "Slope of Death!" was so great that I kept peeking ahead to find out how it would end. Well, I learned a lesson. When you peek ahead you lose that spine-tingling and suspenseful charge that you get when you let the climax of a mag unfold by itself. HUMAN FLY #'s 12 and 13 were so good they kept me rooted to the page till the very end. I love stories like that.

If you keep it up, the HUMAN FLY is going to be the most exciting comic hero in existence. I've read the *Fly Papers* in issue #13, and agree with the fan who called for a HUMAN FLY TREASURY EDITION. I think it's a great idea.

Felix Martinez
9541 SW 65th Street
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HUMAN FLY #13 was the best yet. The manner in which it was told was original and exciting. I'm glad the Fly and Harmony finally straightened things out with Carl Braden.

It's great to have Frank Robbins back on the art. Let's keep both him and Frank Springer!

Roger Smith
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Frank Robbins is taking an extended leave of absence while he relocates to sunny Mexico, Rog—but with the return of Lee Elias, the Fly's premiere artist, we guarantee that the HUMAN FLY will continue to satisfy our demanding readership.

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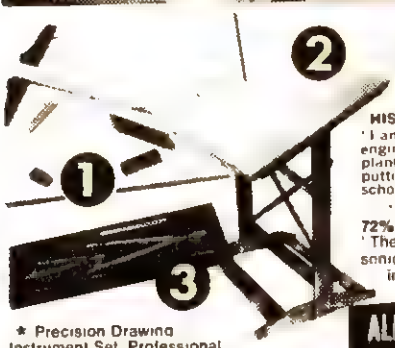

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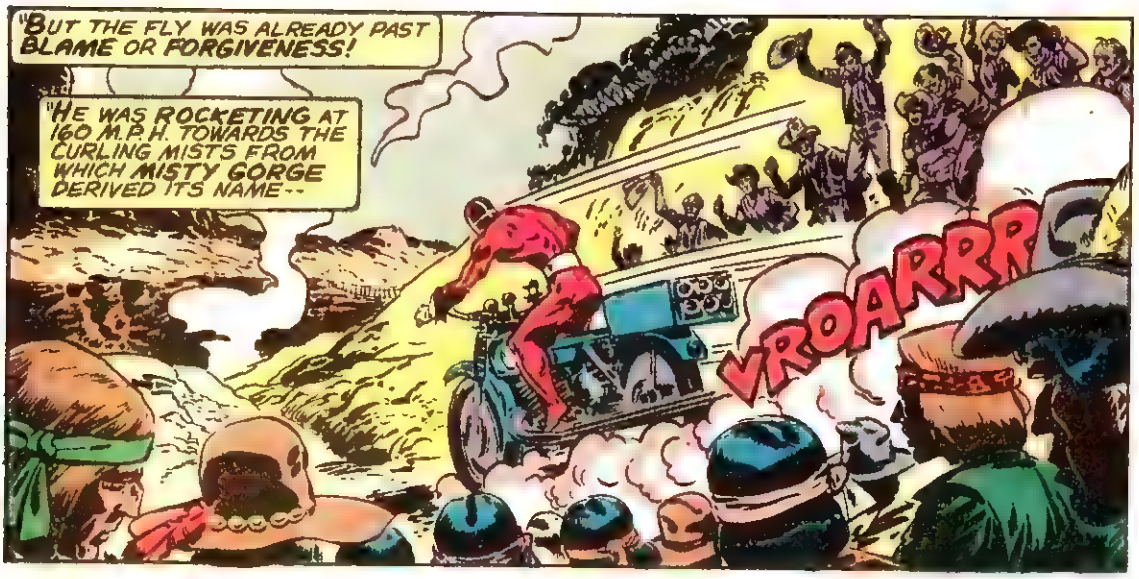
"BUT THE FLY WAS ALREADY PAST BLAME OR FORGIVENESS!
"HE WAS ROCKETING AT 160 M.P.H. TOWARDS THE CURLING MISTS FROM WHICH MISTY GORGE DERIVED ITS NAME--
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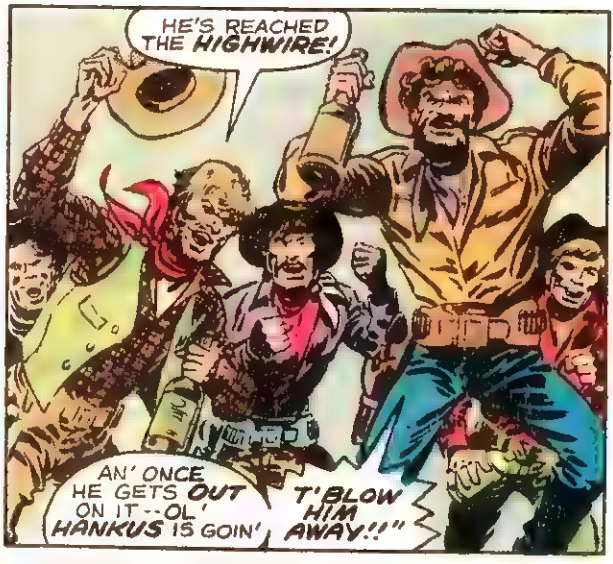
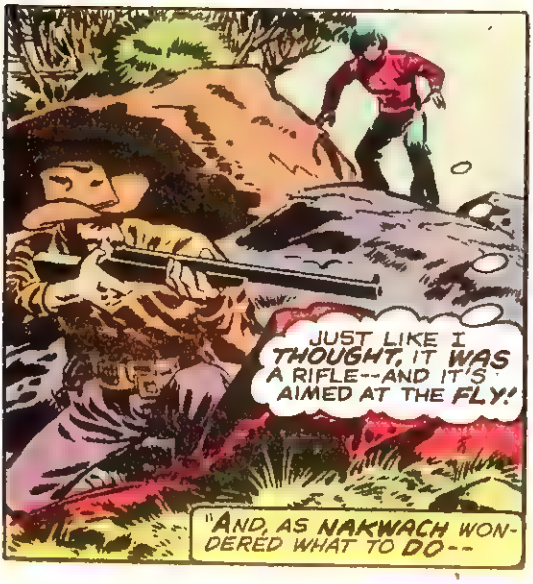
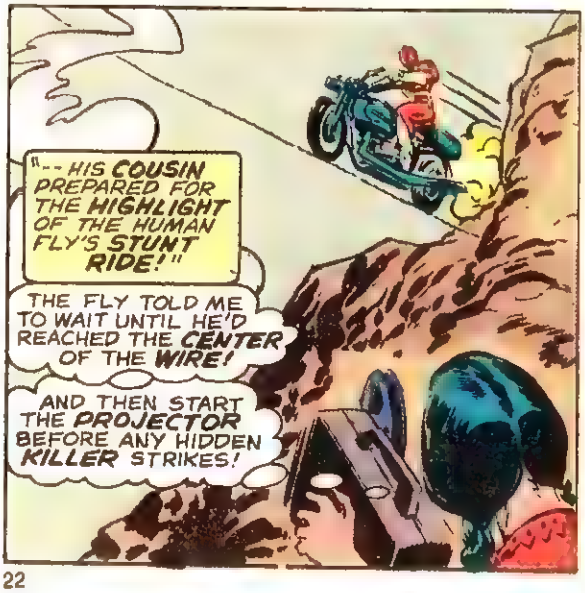
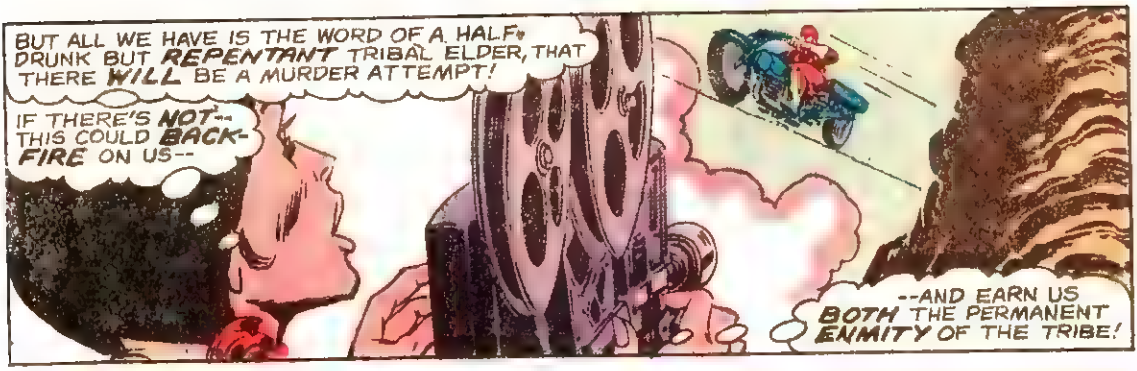
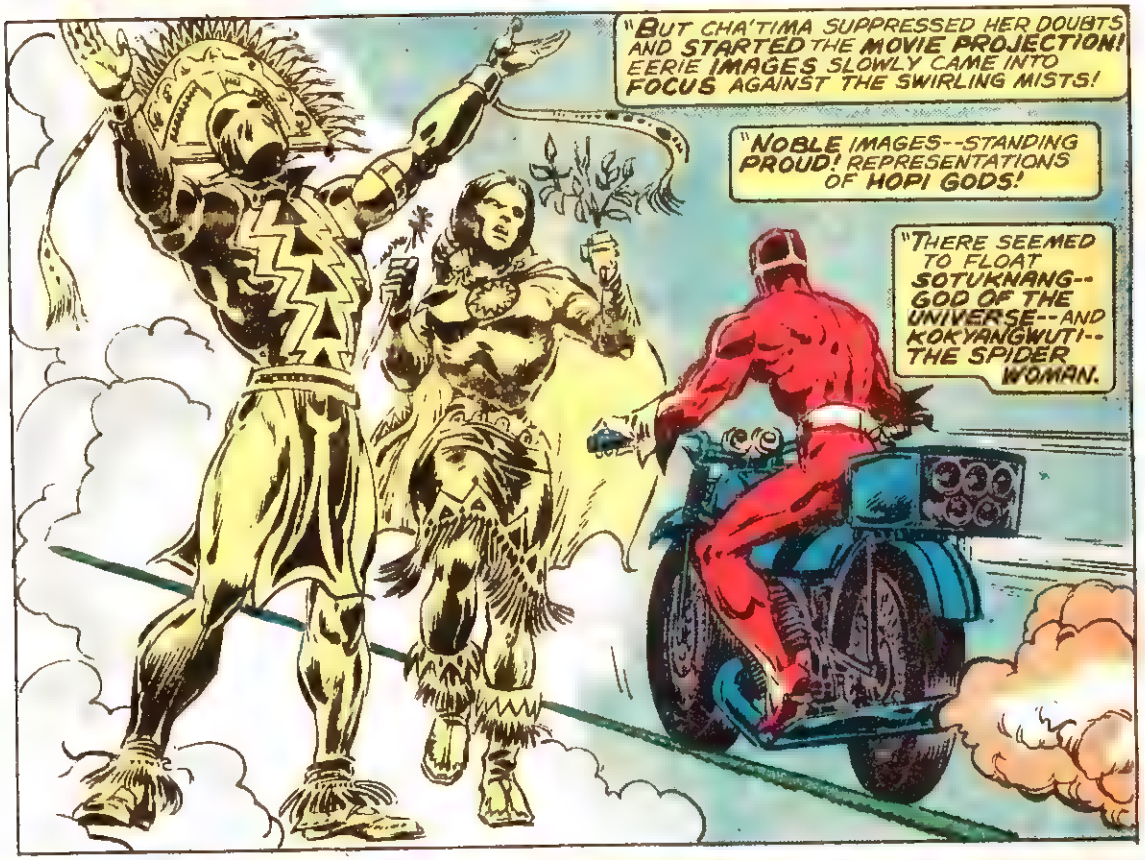
"--AND TOWARD A SLENDER HIGHWIRE THAT WOULD-- IF ALL WENT RIGHT--CARRY HIM TO THE OTHER SIDE!
"A MIGHTY BIG IF!"


HE'S REACHED THE HIGHWIRE!
AN' ONCE HE GETS OUT ON IT--OL' HANKUS IS GOIN'
T'BLOW HIM AWAY!!"


JUST LIKE I THOUGHT, IT WAS A RIFLE--AND IT'S AIMED AT THE FLY!
"AND, AS NAKWACH WONDERED WHAT TO DO--


"--HIS COUSIN PREPARED FOR THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE HUMAN FLY'S STUNT RIDE!"
THE FLY TOLD ME TO WAIT UNTIL HE'D REACHED THE CENTER OF THE WIRE!
AND THEN START THE PROJECTOR BEFORE ANY HIDDEN KILLER STRIKES!


BUT ALL WE HAVE IS THE WORD OF A HALF-DRUNK BUT REPENTANT TRIBAL ELDER, THAT THERE WILL BE A MURDER ATTEMPT!
IF THERE'S NOT-- THIS COULD BACK-FIRE ON US--
--AND EARN US BOTH THE PERMANENT ENMITY OF THE TRIBE!


"BUT CHA'TIMA SUPPRESSED HER DOUBTS AND STARTED THE MOVIE PROJECTION! EERIE IMAGES SLOWLY CAME INTO FOCUS AGAINST THE SWIRLING MISTS!
"NOBLE IMAGES--STANDING PROUD! REPRESENTATIONS OF HOPI GODS!
"THERE SEEMED TO FLOAT SOTUKNANG--GOD OF THE UNIVERSE--AND KOKYANGWUT!--THE SPIDER WOMAN.

"AND THEY SEEMED TO BE WELCOMING--WITH OUT-STRETCHED ARMS--THE HUMAN FLY!!
"AND THOUGH HE KNEW THEY WERE BUT FANTASIES--A FILM MAKER'S ART--HE, TOO WAS AWED!

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NO!!
WH--? YA LITTLE SNAKE!
YUH MADE ME MISS!!
KRAK
EH--?!
KACHOW
"NOT QUITE!!"
LORD! SNIPER'S BULLET SLICED THE HIGHWIRE!
MY ONLY CHANCE IS TO CUT IN THE CYCLE'S ROCKETS--
NOW!!
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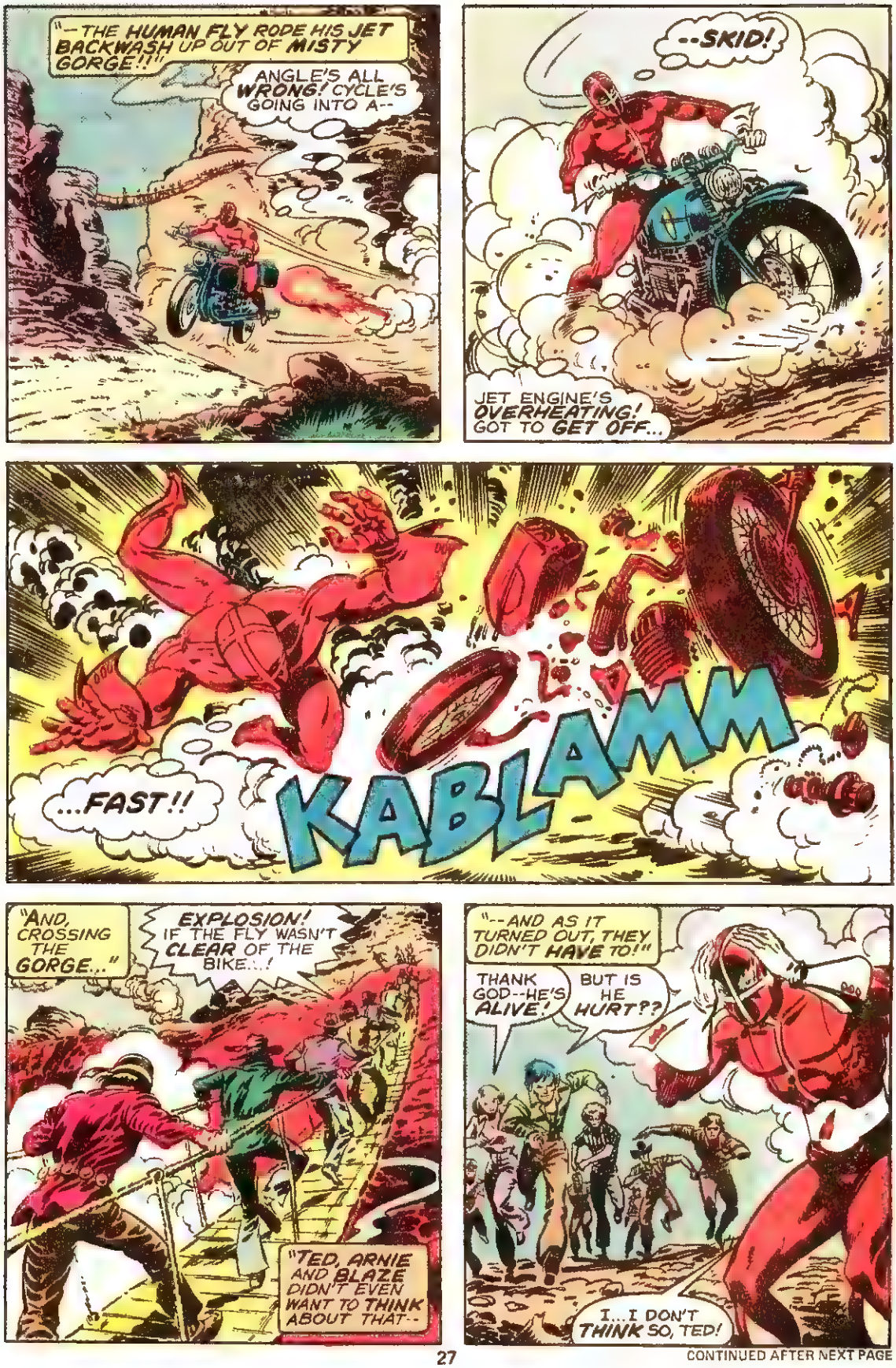
"STRAIGHT UP-- BATTLING GRAVITY--


"--THE HUMAN FLY RODE HIS JET BACKWASH UP OUT OF MISTY GORGE!!"
ANGLE'S ALL WRONG! CYCLE'S GOING INTO A--
--SKID!
JET ENGINE'S OVERHEATING! GOT TO GET OFF...
...FAST!!
KABLAMM
"AND, CROSSING THE GORGE..."
EXPLOSION! IF THE FLY WASN'T CLEAR OF THE BIKE...!
"TED, ARNIE AND BLAZE DIDN'T EVEN WANT TO THINK ABOUT THAT--
"--AND AS IT TURNED OUT, THEY DIDN'T HAVE TO!"
THANK GOD--HE'S ALIVE!
BUT IS HE HURT??
I...I DON'T THINK SO, TED!

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BULLPEN BULLETINS

STAN'S SOAPBOX

Okay, gang—the first thing you've gotta do is make sure you're alone in your room. Now, lock the doors and windows. What you are about to read is top secret and for the eyes of True Believers only. If this information were (perish forbid!) to fall into the hands of a competitive comicbook company (not that we care to admit we *have* any competition), the very foundations of literature as we know it would assuredly shrivel and crumble before your awestricken eyes! Therefore, remember you this—for what thou art about to peruse, thou art hereby pledged to deepest secrecy, in the hallowed name of Marveldom Assembled!

And now that we've done with the obligatory ceremonial trappings, let us proceed to the heart of the matter, namely—the exposé of the century—the revelation of the age—the unvarnished truth about the world's most famous non-entity—Honest Irving Forbush! Oh, how I wish this were but a script for one of our mags, so that I could title it "If This be Forbush!" Or, "There Shall Come a Forbush!" Or perhaps, "Let There be Forbush!" Well, you get the idea.

Years ago, about the time that MAD magazine was a'borning, yours truly produced a similar publication called SNAFU. Since the SATURDAY EVENING POST, in those days, had a line on the cover which read "Founded by Benjamin Franklin", it occured to me that SNAFU could do no less than have a similar line on its contents page. But whose name would I use? Well, after many sleepless nights I came up with the phrase "Founded by Irving Forbush". Why Irving Forbush? I've absolutely no idea! I never knew anyone with that name, nor particularly wanted to. It just had the right sound to me. Incidentally, wanting to go the POST one better, I added, on the other side of the contents column, the line "Losted by his cousin, Melvin Forbush", or some such name—it's hard to remember after all that time.

Anyway, years later when mighty Marvel was just beginning to conquer the entire literary universe, I thought 'twould be fun to bring back good ol' Irv and give him the fame and prominence he so richly deserved. So there you have it. A fantastically meaningful object lesson in how to create something out of nothing and keep it the same way! And, if any of you can make any sense out of the foregoing, then consider thyself thricely No-Prized! As for me, I'm off to have a hoedown with the Hulk!

Excelsior!

Stan

P.S. No! No! No! It isn't true that Forbush is Darth Vader spelled sideways.

ITEM! Lately, it seems that Marvel's mighty magazine line has become the talk of the known universe! We've gotten a veritable *mountain* of mail from all over, voicing thunderous approval of our full-color Super Special ventures like JAWS 2, BATTLESTAR GALACTICA, and KISS 2. For more than a year now, we've been experimenting with better paper, new printing processes, new coloring techniques and special features (such as our four-page fold-out KISS poster!) and with each new project we gain experience, honing our skills. We at Marvel thinK we're on the threshhold of *revolutionizing* the comics industry with our somewhat-more-expensive but oh-so-beautiful magazines. In fact we have a whole bunch of mind boggling new Super-Specials and full-color *series* in the works right now, like SATANA, for instance, and STAR-LORD, and the long-awaited, Tolkienesque WEIRDWORLD magazine, written by Doug Moench, and *painted* in watercolors by Mike Ploog! We can't *wait* for you to see these dazzling offerings—and *that's* where the only problem lies. It seems that more than a few of the cards and letters deluging the ol' Bullpen bear complaints about the difficulties many of you have had in *locating* our Marvelous Magazines. The trouble is that not enough newsstands and magazine stores *carry* our masterworks, and some that *do* don't stock *all* of them. All we can say, friends, is that we're doing what we can from this end—the rest is up to *you*! If distribution of our comics and magazines isn't up to snuff in your area, let your local retailers *know* about it! Make them aware of just how many sales they're passing up. Better still, find out who the magazine distributors are in your area and drop *them* a line. Tell them the titles you want to see on the stands! Remember, it's up to you! And if all else fails, friend, don't forget that you can *subscribe* to *all* our regular titles. It's $4.50 for twelve issues of any 35¢ comic, and although one cannot yet subscribe to our glorious Super Specials (or annuals, or other one-shot special-type mags. . .sigh!) there is no reason at all to miss a single panel of the wonderment within SAVAGE SWORD OF CONAN (12 issues for $13.00), CRAZY (12 issues for $8.50), MARVEL PREVIEW (4 issues for $4.50), or THE HULK, in full, scintillating color (6 issues for a mere $9.50). Address orders, with your check or money order enclosed, to Marvel Magazine Group Subscription Department, 575 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y., 10022. You'll be glad you did.

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ITEM! *The* event in comics this month has to be the arrival of BATTLESTAR GALACTICA #1, the premiere issue of what is sure to be one of Marvel's best and most popular series for a long, long time! *Ramblin'* ROGER McKENZIE, writer, and *Ever-ready* ERNIE COLON, artist, have *expanded* their already-acclaimed adaptation of the Battlestar Galactica TV movie to kick off the 35¢ color-comics series. You don't want to miss this one—so get on down to your newsstand *now*!

ITEM! Time to update the old Marvel Score-cards again, gang. *Dubious* DANNY CRESPI, Former Dean of Letterers and production person par excellance, has risen to the elite status of Assistant Production Manager. Former APM, *Dependable* DAVE COHEN has gone West in pursuit of True Happiness and a career in music—so it's best of luck to two great guys!

ITEM! Speaking of Super Specials, there's one coming your way in late November that's bound to set your mind on end! We'll give you a hint—it's all about the adventures of a certain thief, reaver, and slayer, noteworthy for his gigantic melancholies and gigantic mirth, whose idea of fun is treading the jeweled thrones of the Earth under his sandaled feet. No, it isn't Howard the Duck (but keep your eyes open for Howie's Super Special debut). In fact, Marvel Super Special #9 features none other than CONAN THE BARBARIAN in the same snazzy full-color format as in his previous appearance in Super Special #2! There's a surprise *second feature* in this issue, which we won't give away just yet, but fans of peerless feminine pulchritude would be well advised to peruse it. It's only a buck and a half, for Forbush's sake!

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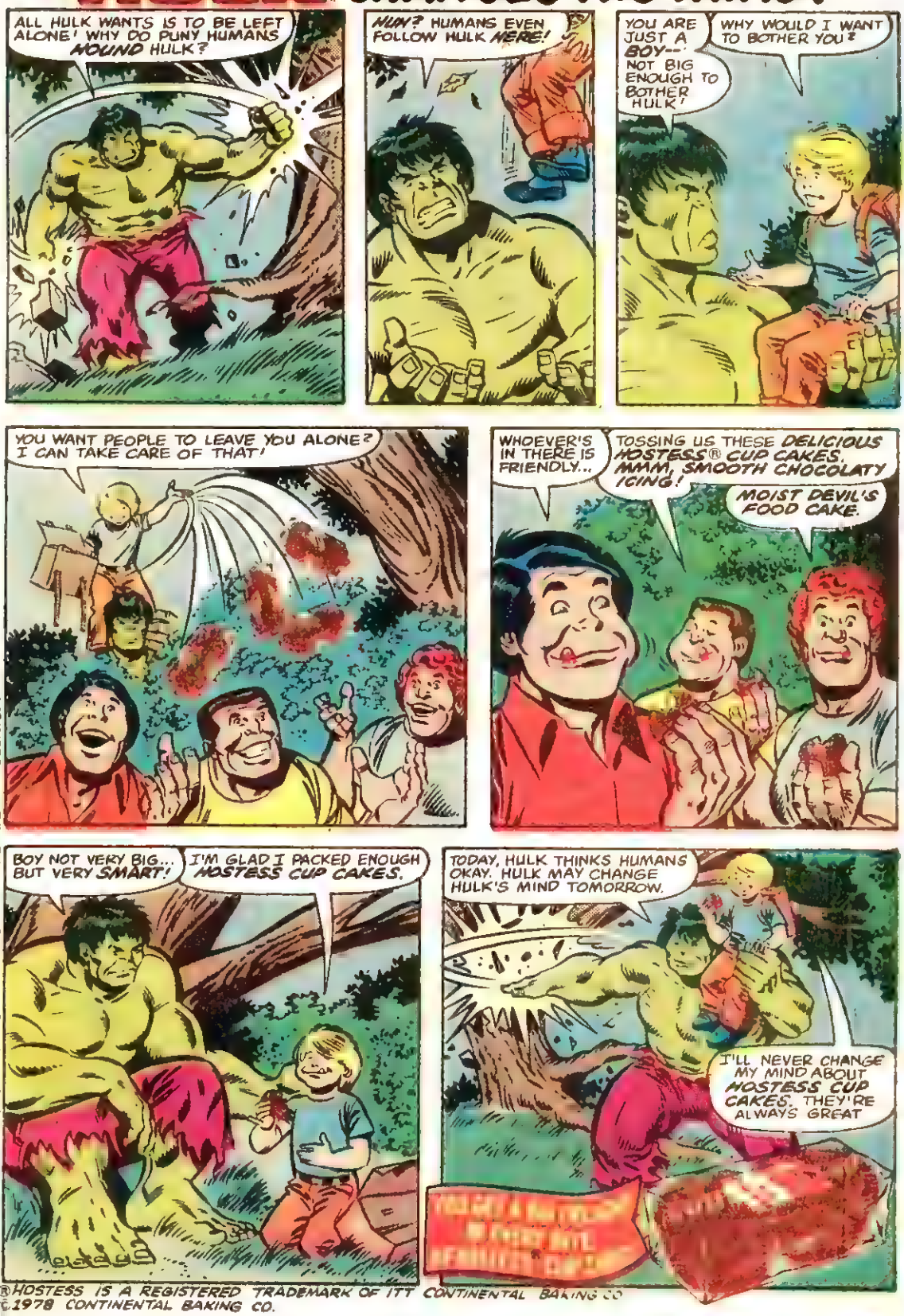
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HUH? HUMANS EVEN FOLLOW HULK HERE!
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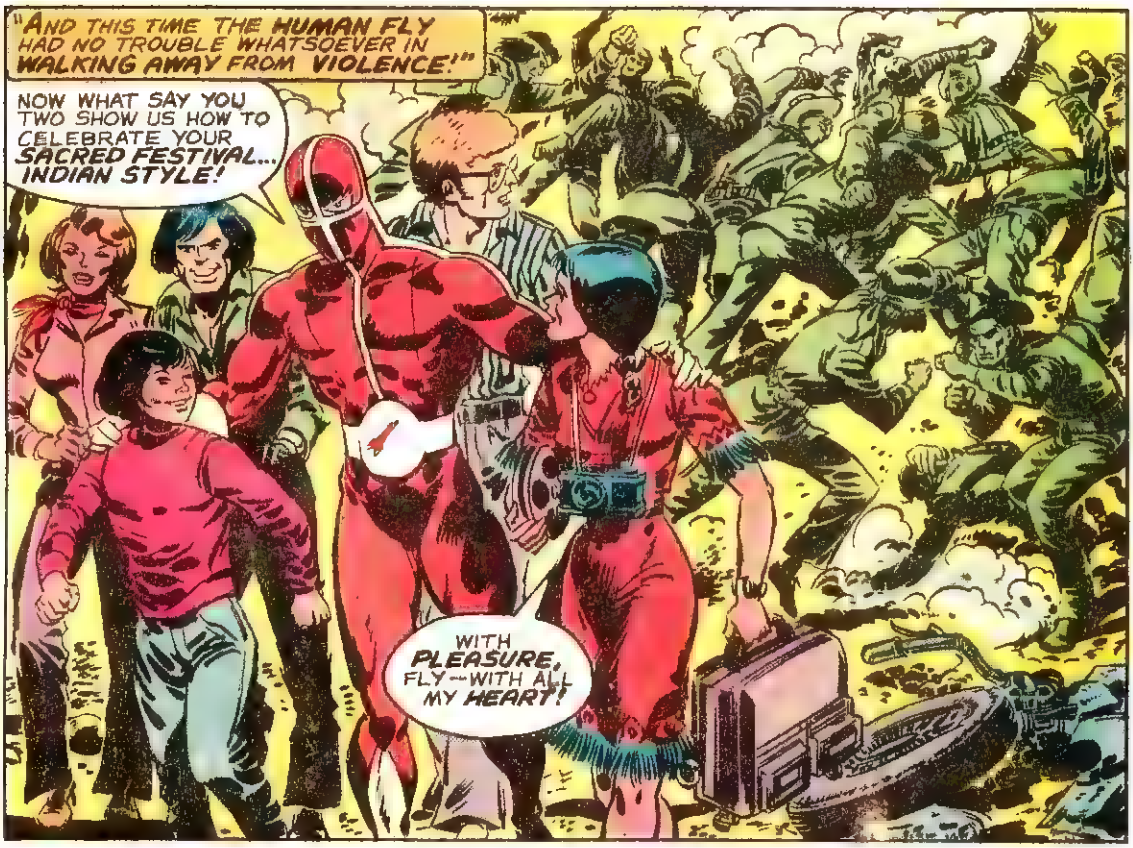
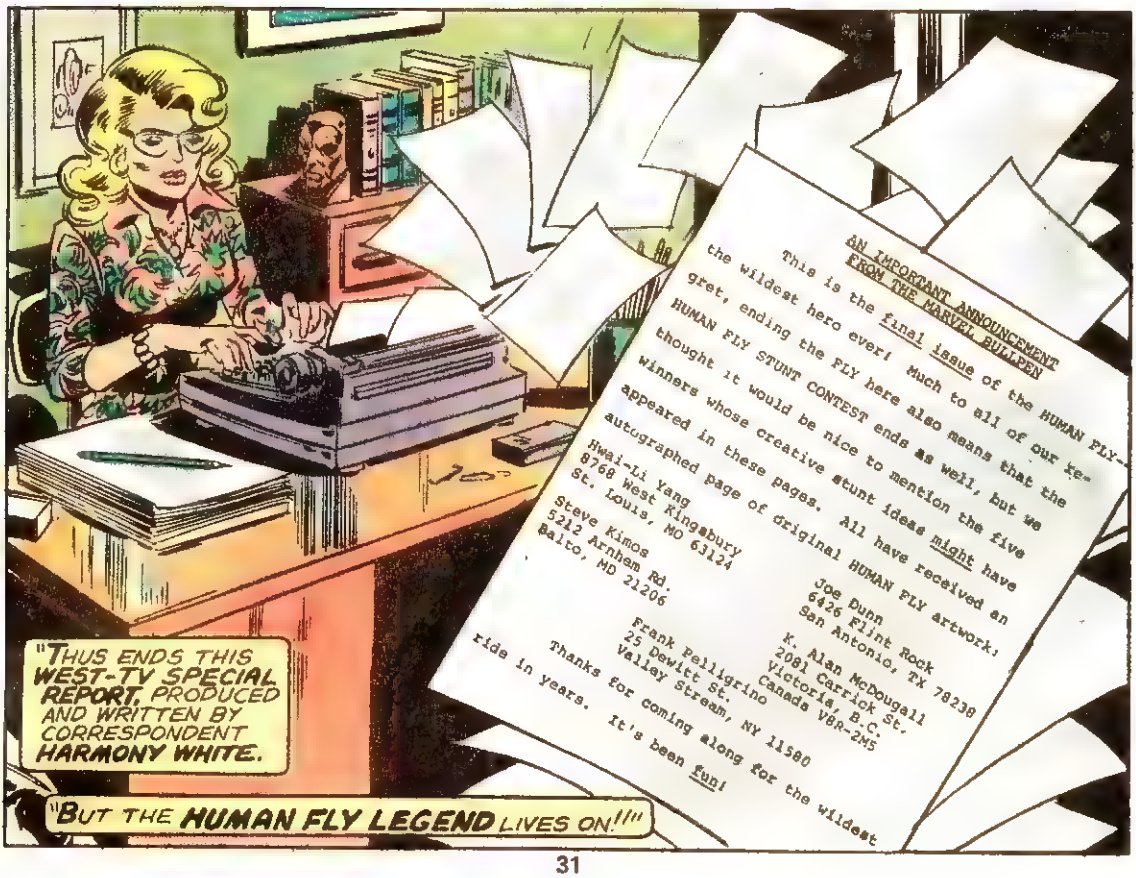
BUT THE STUNT-- DID IT--?
TO PERFECTION, FLY! THE TRIBE WAS SO STUNNED BY THE SIGHT OF OUR GODS "GUARDING" YOUR FLIGHT--
--THAT THEY'VE REALIZED THEIR HESITANCY TO WORK WITH GOOD WHITES WAS WORKING AGAINST THEM
"AND, TURNING TO THE TRIBAL LEADERS..."
THAT'S WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT--TOGETHER WE CAN CLEAN OUT STURGIS AND HIS ROTTEN BUNCH!
YEAH! THEY TRIED TO KILL THE FLY THE WAY THEY MURDERED MY GRANDFATHER!
THE TRIBAL GUARD HAS THE FLY'S WOULD-BE ASSASSIN IN CUSTODY-- ALL THAT REMAINS IS STURGIS AND HIS BODYGUARD!
AND, WHEN WE PUT ASIDE OUR FEAR-- WE ARE MORE THAN A MATCH FOR THEM!
EH--HEH-HEH... C-CAN'T WE TALK THIS OVER LIKE CIVILIZED ADULTS!
WE'RE AFRAID THAT WOULD BE BEYOND YOUR UNDERSTANDING, STURGIS!


"AND THIS TIME THE HUMAN FLY HAD NO TROUBLE WHATSOEVER IN WALKING AWAY FROM VIOLENCE!"
NOW WHAT SAY YOU TWO SHOW US HOW TO CELEBRATE YOUR SACRED FESTIVAL... INDIAN STYLE!
WITH PLEASURE, FLY--WITH ALL MY HEART!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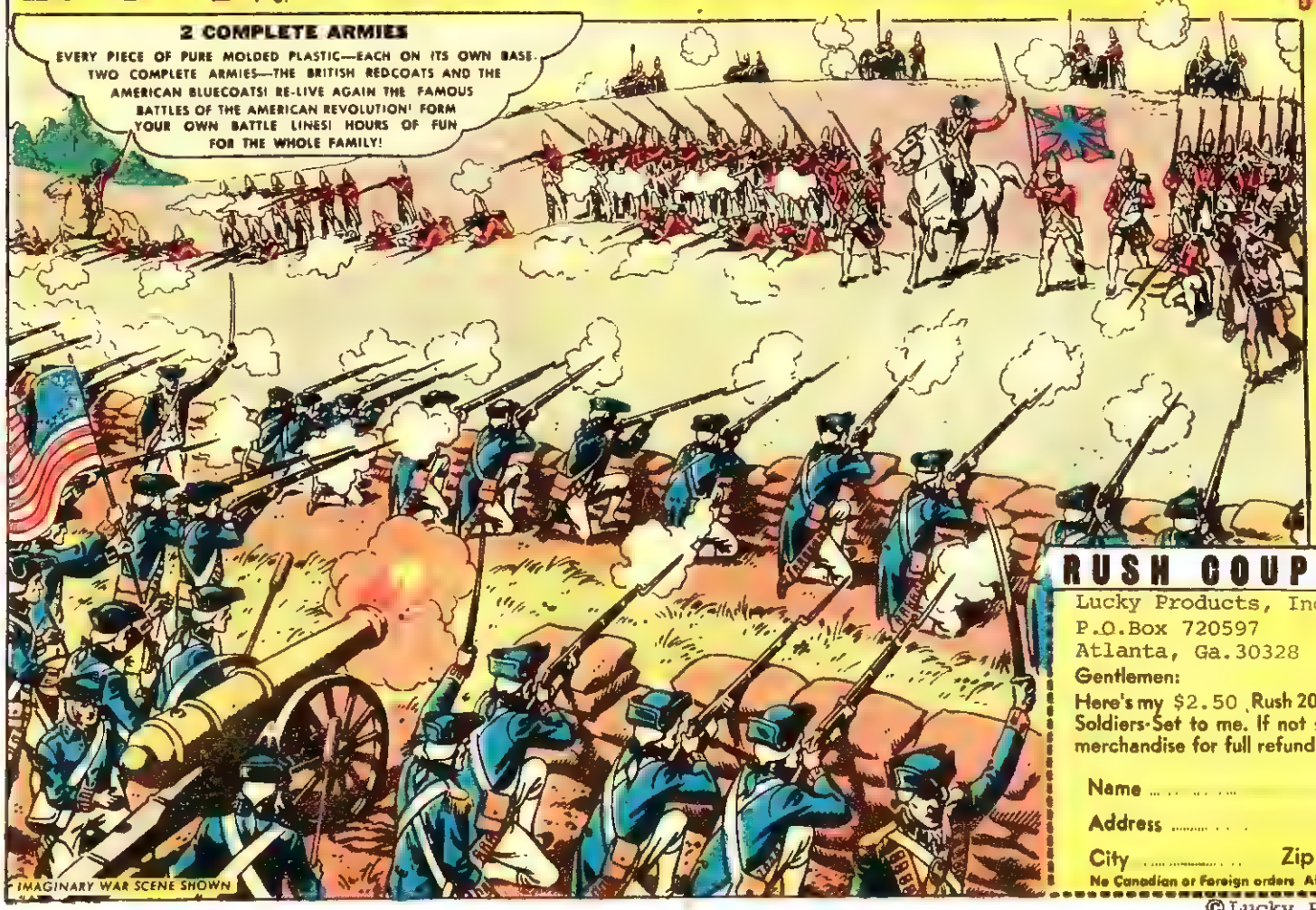
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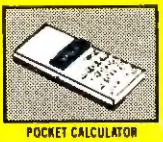
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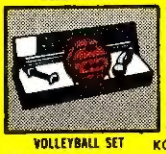
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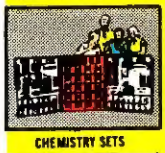
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